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(b) to (d) Immediate rescue and relief operations were undertaken by the Kandla Port Trust on war-footing and partial functioning of the Port was resumed from 3rd February, 2001, with some berths operating at the full capacity. It is too early to indicate timeframe for normal functioning of the Port.

**Assessment of loss to Kandla Port**

1080. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government had sent a team of experts to assess the damage caused to Kandla Port due to recent earthquake;

(b) if so, the details of losses suffered at Kandla Port as a result of earthquake;

(c) the number of days the functioning of Kandla Port remained paralysed due to earthquake and losses suffered as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to streamline the functioning of the Kandla Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Kandla Port has suffered damages to its permanent structures, such as cargo jetties, oil jetties, warehouses, godowns, water supply, oil pipelines, administrative office building at Gandhidham and the Port & Customs Building at Kandla, boundary walls of residential and non-residential buildings, roads & storm water drains, electrical installation / equipment, quarters, etc., due to the devastating earthquake.

(c) and (d) Immediate rescue and relief operations were undertaken by the Kandla Port Trust on war-footing and partial functioning of the Port was resumed from 3rd February, 2001.

**Infrastructure status to shipbuilding and ship-repair industry**

1081. SHRI JESU GARGAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government propose to accord infrastructure status to the shipbuilding and ship-repair industry for attracting investment for modernisation and capacity augmentation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;